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A description is provided of the International Youth Exchange Initiative, a joint government-private sector project to encourage citizen participation in international and cultural exchange programs. Following an introduction, there are four sections. The first section, "Becoming an Exchange Student," outlines questions to consider in applying for an exchange position and provides comments of former exchange students on their experiences. The second section, "Choosing the Right Program," describes how to evaluate an exchange program, by focusing on the sponsor, sponsor's finances, contingency provisions, housing and student facilities, study programs and selection procedures, and orientation. The third section, "Volunteering To Be A Host Family," defines hosting and reviews common problems and considerations in choosing a program. The final section, "Directory of Selected International Youth Exchange Programs, Services, and Information," is arranged in five parts: organizations primarily engaged in international youth exchange, organizations with an international focus that offer youth exchanges, domestic organizations that conduct exchanges, public service organizations that provide information on exchanges, and selected publications and references. (LP)

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"I am convinced that one of the best ways to develop more accurate perspectives on other nations and on ourselves is for more Americans to join, for a time, a family and a community in another land. In the same way, we cannot hope that other nations will appreciate our country unless more of their future leaders have had the same chance to feel the warmth of the American family, the vitality of an American community and the diversity of our educational system."

President Ronald Reagan

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Introduction

Exchanges of young people help us to build mutual understanding, to increase our knowledge of the peoples of the world, and to promote peace — one friendship at a time.

Recognizing this, President Reagan created the International Youth Exchange Initiative. A joint governmental-private sector venture, the Initiative encourages citizens to take part in international educational and cultural programs either as exchange students or as volunteer host families. The Initiative will be carried out by the many private, not-for-profit exchange organizations in the U.S., funded in part by grants from the U.S. Information Agency which serves as the Federal Government's coordinator for the undertaking. In addition, the sponsors encourage grass-roots support from community groups, corporations and foundations. Most importantly, however, many new host families and American students are needed to join in this effort to promote friendship and understanding among the peoples of the world.

This booklet tells you how to become an exchange student or a host family. It describes various youth exchange organizations and sets forth guidelines to help you select a suitable program and organization.

The booklet describes various types of programs ranging from one-year, school-based exchanges to short-term stays that have a special theme. Each organization selects participants according to its own criteria, within equal opportunity standards. The organizations — and the Youth Initiative — in turn rely on volunteers who are willing to give of themselves and their talents to increase international understanding.

Our well-being and security depend on the ability of Americans to understand events in the world and to be able to work with people in other cultures. By participating in an exchange program as a student, host family or community volunteer, you and your family can play an important role in shaping our nation's future international relations.

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Becoming An International Exchange Student

"Probably the greatest part...is being able to look at a globe and know I've got friends all over it. Now countries are friends instead of dots on the map..."

An exchange student

Living abroad is totally different from reading about, studying or even visiting a foreign country. Hundreds of thousands of exchange students look back on their overseas experience as the best time they ever had. Most are also quick to say it demanded more of them and was more challenging than anything they had ever done before.

Differences between cultures at times overwhelmed them. They occasionally felt frustrated, dislocated or lonely. But as they began to make new friends and found their way in new surroundings and a new language, they discovered that life as an exchange student had become the adventure of a lifetime.

What's It Like, Being An Exchange Student?

Here's what a group of recently-returned American high school students had to say about their experiences abroad:

"It was the hardest year of my life, but also the most rewarding. I learned one big thing: to give a little more of myself than I expected to receive from others."

"While abroad, I saw America in a whole new way, and I learned to appreciate more being an American."

"Mind boggling, scary, lonely (sometimes), full of love, laughter and tears, awesome! My new degree of self awareness has given me a new degree of human awareness."

"Nothing can replace the feeling I had the day I returned to my Spanish class in the U.S. after my summer abroad, and my teacher started crying. She was so proud I could speak Spanish with fluency!"

"It used to take so much to please me. Now I find happiness in many things that I never noticed before."

"While overseas, things were not always peachy-keen. I was sick several times because of unpurified water, and my little host sister (age 1½) hated me. However, this was a time of great growth in my patience and tolerance."

"In Finland, social life was not entirely eliminated, but it was second to a good education. Everyone studied. Social approval (and society) encouraged *scholastic* success."

"I was able to build many new friendships, and even found the very close 'share-everything-with' friend I always needed."

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"Sure there are times you feel homesick, but you're so busy seeing new things...you don't have time to let it get you down."

"I went to a country where I was the minority and I learned a lot from that."

"When I went over, I was very 'high school'...I knew too little to even know what people were talking about, much less to defend the U.S. against attacks. But during my year in Denmark, I received an education in world affairs that has surpassed that of anybody I have talked to since my return."

"I didn't like my host mother and she didn't like me...but we grew to tolerate one another. My relationship with that woman was one of the most important parts of my experience. In fact, it wasn't the activities that I did...but the relationships I had, both good and bad, that mattered."

"...on the trip from New York to Caracas, in my group there was a high feeling of exhilaration. When it came time to return home, however, and the jet was rolling down the runway in Caracas, there was not a sound; all eyes and thoughts were out the windows."

"It's like the best book you've ever read, and after you get half-way through it, trying to understand it, it all goes by too fast."

"I came home, not with a lot of pictures of beautiful places, but with something much more meaningful to me: a memory of many terrific people who will always be my true friends."

As you can see, being an exchange student and living with a host family in another country — even for a few short weeks — means a lot more than just stepping into a scene from a travel poster. Those who take part in overseas study and travel programs find that they can master other languages, make new friends, learn patience, acquire greater tolerance, enrich their knowledge of the world, compare lifestyles and test their ability to cope while living in another culture. In short, becoming an exchange student starts a voyage of learning and discovery that lasts a lifetime.

Should I Become An Exchange Student?

To help *you* decide whether or not *you* want to become an exchange student, ask yourself questions such as these:

Will I be able to leave my family and friends for a year or a summer?

Am I willing to learn about other people's customs? Try other kinds of foods? Take part in different activities?

Do I want to learn to speak another language? Can I keep up in a school that may make unfamiliar academic demands on me?

Can I handle day-to-day challenges and frustrations? Cope with occasional loneliness? Tolerate attitudes, ideas and values that are different from my own?

Am I willing to compromise? Make more decisions on my own? Laugh at myself when I do or say something others may think is silly or inappropriate?

Can I be a friend and a part of a host family without acting like a "guest" in a foreign country?

If you answered "yes" to most of these questions, you probably are someone who would enjoy and benefit from an exchange experience.

Choosing The Right Program

Once you've decided an exchange experience is for you, you'll want to find the program that best fits your plans and needs. First, think through what you want out of the experience and what your personal interests are.

Do you want to spend a school year abroad, attend regular classes in a very different kind of school? Or do you seek an unusual summer vacation period away from school, with free time for travel and exploring another country and culture? Are you looking for a foreign language experience? Or guided field visits to museums, historical sites and places that will introduce you to the cultural, political and economic institutions of the country you visit?

Whatever your interest, there are probably programs that will appeal to you. The following suggestions can help you choose a program that will be worth your investment in time and money, and make your exchange experience a rewarding one.

I. Know The Sponsor

International exchange programs for teenagers are not regulated or authorized by the U.S. Government. With so many private programs in the educational and cultural exchange field, the U.S. Government can only alert you to the need to choose carefully. It does not recommend or evaluate specific programs.

Much of the information you will need to evaluate an exchange program should be easily obtained from the organization. Be sure you get clear answers to all your questions.

Start by determining exactly with whom you are dealing. You or your parents may find that the name of the sponsor differs from that of the organization bearing legal responsibility for the exchange program and travel arrangements. Be sure you:

- Read the advertisement and all materials carefully to identify the organization having legal responsibility, especially if there is more than one organization.
- Keep in mind no organization sponsoring an exchange or study-abroad program can guarantee that credit for your work will be granted by your home school. Whether credit *is* awarded will be determined solely by your local school authorities. Check with them beforehand to clarify this.
- Find out how long the organization has been offering its programs, the amount of direct supervision it exercises abroad,

and the composition and qualifications of its board of directors.

- Request clarification of *any* vague statements or claims in writing. Check with your local Better Business Bureau to see whether there's any record of complaints about the organization.
- Write to educators or advisors named in the promotional literature. Ask your high school counselor or your local school board if they have information about the group.
- Contact previous participants and people in your school or community who have served as volunteers, sponsors, or group leaders.
- Determine whether the organization has an official base in the United States. Complications requiring legal action could occur. All business arrangements involve the risk of misunderstanding or breach of contractual obligation. It might be difficult or impossible for you (or your parents) to protect your rights as an American citizen in a dispute with a foreign organization that has limited liability under U.S. laws.

II. Look Up the Sponsor's Finances

Check the promotional brochures or other sources to determine:

- What is the financial status of the organization? Is it a non-profit, or profit-making company?
- Exactly what does the basic fee cover? For example, does it include all transportation costs to your final destination, and will there be extra charges for buses, taxis, etc.? Are costs of tours or weekends on "free time" included? Does the basic fee include coverage for medical, accident and baggage insurance?

READ THE FINE PRINT!

III. Carefully Consider Provisions For Contingencies

Be sure to ask what provisions are made for illness, accidents, or other unusual circumstances which may arise. Request information on:

- Medical and accident insurance
- Medical services while overseas
- Provisions for refunds in case of cancellation
- Plans for returning home promptly if serious difficulties should arise
- Any extra charges for having to return home before the conclusion of the program

IV. Investigate Housing And Study Facilities

Study-travel programs may make use of hotels, hostels, pensions, private homes, university or school classrooms and dormitories. You should find out:

- How the private homes and other facilities are selected
- Whether host families or volunteers are compensated
- What classrooms, library and study facilities will be available
- Whether transportation will be provided for students housed beyond walking distance of classrooms and other meeting places

V. Carefully Review The Study Program, Staffing And Student Selection Procedures

The educational programs should be examined with care and additional information requested when needed. Prior to enrolling, you should determine:

- Whether you have an opportunity to choose a country
- What courses or activities are offered
- The exact date and time schedule of the program
- The language of instruction and any language requirements for participation

Students in a study-abroad program should ask:

- How much time will be spent on course work vs. how much on "tours"?
- What are the qualifications and experience of the director-in-residence? Is he or she likely to understand, work well with U.S. students, and be familiar with the countries to be visited, other cultures, languages and customs?
- How are counselors, groupleaders, and teachers (both U.S. and foreign) chosen and compensated? Do they receive commissions or bonuses for recruiting additional students?
- To what extent will participants have access to responsible adults such as counselors?
- How are students selected? Will you need any special skills or training? How does the organization handle letters of recommendation?

VI. Check The Adequacy Of Orientation

If you are travelling abroad for the first time, you will need detailed information about proper clothing, immunizations, customs, visas and immigration procedures and an orientation to another culture. Ascertain how much assistance the sponsor provides and how thorough the orientation materials are. Compare this with what students who have been

overseas say is required for good preparation.

In addition, it's a good idea to familiarize yourself with U.S. customs regulations and the laws of the countries you are visiting. Penalties for offenses in a foreign country can vary significantly from those in the United States. For example, in many countries penalties for drug abuse are far more severe than in the United States. A selected list of reading materials and other sources of information for students is provided at the end of this booklet.

VII. Spread The Word

After you return from the exchange program, evaluate it honestly. Tell your friends, classmates, and school authorities about your experience. Let your sponsor know your reactions to the program, and don't hesitate to point out both the strengths and weaknesses. As a part of the Presidential Youth Exchange Initiative, you may be asked to participate in an evaluation of your program. By sharing your views, you will be providing valuable information which can help improve future exhange programs. You can also keep in touch as a volunteer, and work to give others an opportunity for an international exchange.

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Volunteering To Be A Host Family

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What Is A Host Family?

Each year, thousands of American families volunteer to serve as host families, inviting foreign teenagers into their homes and into their lives. Their decision to host a foreign student may be based on a variety of family interests: the urge to learn more about the world, the desire to give a student from abroad a chance to experience life in the USA, the opportunity to examine and compare values, or the reward that comes from knowing they can contribute to a young person's growth and development.

Typically, a family agrees to have a foreign exchange student live with them for a year or less while the student attends a local school and/or participates in other community and educational activities. The student learns about the family's attitudes, values and behavior by taking part in its daily routine and activities. In turn, the host family learns about the student's way of life.

Is Hosting For You?

One theme often emerges in interviews with host families: hosting is a form of "lifestyle sharing"[1] which brings the foreign visitor and all members of the family to a better understanding of the important things in their lives.

Host families say they enjoy the chance to examine what they stand for, they welcome the opportunity to match family interests with those of the student (sports, music, hobbies, etc.), and they feel comfortable having a young person from another culture learn first-hand what their daily life is like.

On the other hand, becoming a host family for the wrong reasons — to save a marriage, or to have a live-in babysitter, or a playmate for the children, or to help alleviate any tensions within the family — usually results in a poor experience for all concerned.

Hosting is *not* a casual undertaking, so carefully examine your reasons for wanting to become a host family. Having a student from abroad share in the life of your family, community and high school requires hard work and a commitment of time, energy and resources by all. You should, therefore, encourage all members of the family — even the little ones — to discuss their feelings and their plans for contributing to the student's stay.

Next, talk with experienced host families, local school officials and reputable exchange organizations in your community. Ask if they feel that your family's expectations are realistic.

[1]This concept is developed further in "Survival Kit for Hosting: A Guide for American Host Families," by Nancy King and Ken Huff, Chicago, Illinois Intercultural Press, Inc.

To help you decide if hosting is right for your family, an experienced exchange organization may ask you the following questions:

- Do you enjoy having people in your home? Would you object to adding an "instant" son or daughter to your family and having that person treat your home as his or her own?
- Do you like the intensity, spontaneity and unpredictability of teenagers?
- How would your children react to having someone come live with you? Would they mind sharing the attention that a foreign student is likely to need and receive?
- Is yours one of America's growing number of "two-worker" families? If so, do you have the capacity to expand your responsibilities to provide for another family member?
- Are you prepared for the expenses related to hosting? For federal tax purposes a family that hosts a student who is enrolled full-time in a high school may deduct $50 per month from its gross income. However, your expenses will surely exceed this amount. (Some organizations pay host families for their participation, while many others are of the opinion that this practice is harmful to the development of a healthy host family-student relationship.)
- Can your family's values, attitudes and behavior stand up to questioning by a student eager to learn more about American culture?
- Do you enjoy learning about and discussing different values and attitudes?
- Would you have the time and patience to talk to someone learning your language? Would you enjoy explaining the meaning of words and offering instruction?
- Are you "open" enough to serve as a "substitute" parent for a teenager from a different culture?
- Does your family take an active interest in the community? Can you help the student to get to know your community?

How Do I Choose The Right Program?

There are many reputable organizations that arrange homestay visits to enable foreign students to live in an American home while attending school. Most rely on volunteer host families who serve without compensation. Because there are many different programs available, the following general guidelines are offered to help you select the homestay program that best suits your family.

- Read the organization's promotional materials *carefully,* noting what is *not* said as well as what is said. A responsible

organization will provide a realistic discussion of the pros and cons of becoming a host family.

- Ask if the organization itself makes student placements, recruits volunteer host families, provides support services, or are these activities "contracted-out" to a profit-making firm?
- Ask how long the organization has been involved in homestay programs.
- Ask how host families and students are screened and selected. Are host-family recruiters unpaid volunteers or are they compensated according to the number of families who participate?
- Talk to your local school authorities. Ask what *their* experience has been with the organization
- Make sure there will be adequate health and accident insurance for the student.
- Ascertain whether the student is helped to return home promptly in the event of problems.
- Ask for guidelines defining your responsibilities for the student's schooling. What kind of contact should you have with the school?
- Ask the organization's local representative for names and addresses of experienced host families in your community. Ask them about their experiences.
- Determine what services the organization provides to the student and host family. Find out if there are responsible field representatives, handbooks, reference materials and counselors.
- Examine the orientation material the organization provides for students and host families. Does it give you needed information?
- Make certain all host family arrangements are made *prior* to the student's arrival. A minimum of five weeks is advised.
- An organization is only as good as the people involved. Evaluate them as they evaluate you.

A Final Word...

Sharing your home with a foreign student is one of the best means for your family to learn about the world. Serving as a host is also one of the most treasured personal gifts your family can bestow on a youngster from another culture. It is important that your gift not be squandered or misused by those who would reap a profit from your generosity. If you and your family *do* decide that hosting is for you, be sure also to satisfy yourself that the sponsor's motives and goals are as generous as your own.

Directory Of Selected International Youth Exchange Programs/ Services/Information

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Organizations in this country and abroad provide international youth exchange opportunities to satisfy almost every interest. Indeed, the growing number and variety of programs make it impossible to list all exchange sponsors, or include some well-known and very effective local groups that serve students and families within a given community. Rotary International, for example, sponsors thousands of exchange students each year, all of whom are selected by local Rotary Clubs. Likewise, this list does not include new organizations that may have been in existence for less than four years, nor any group or agency that conducts exchanges as a profit-making business.

The fact that an organization *does* or *does not* appear in this directory should not be interpreted as an indication of the quality or legitimacy of an organization. The information on each organization has been provided by the listed organization itself, which is solely responsible for its accuracy. Each of these organizations has shared in the costs of preparing this booklet. Each has agreed to respond promptly to public inquiries concerning their services and cooperate in a year-long evaluation of the Youth Exchange Initiative. All those listed also subscribe to equal opportunity principles and practices in selecting participants, seeking host families, utilizing volunteers, and recruiting and employing staff members.

The names of public service organizations that offer information or assistance related to international exchange, as well as a short reading list, will be found at the end of this directory.

For the reader's convenience, information in this directory is arranged as follows:

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AFS International/Intercultural Programs
313 East 43rd Street
New York, New York 10017
(212) 661-4550

The AFS goal, since its founding in 1947, has been to promote intercultural awareness among families and youths around the world. In 62 countries, AFS operates at the community level with a network of professional staff and 100,000 volunteers organized into local groups to provide experienced, continuous support for all participants.

Every person going abroad with AFS, whether on a short or year-long program, lives with a host family and takes part in local academic and/or community life. Host families and students are selected through extensive interviews, and receive both pre-departure and host country orientation. For American youths going abroad, language training is a part of the orientation in all non-English-speaking countries. College credit may be earned for language and international studies, and scholarship opportunities from more than 20 U.S. colleges and universities are available.

For more information on living abroad, hosting a foreign youth, financial aid, volunteer opportunities, and college credit and scholarships, write to the Program Information Office (YX) at AFS International/Intercultural Programs at the above address.

American Institute for Foreign Study Scholarship Foundation
100 Greenwich Avenue (YX)
Greenwich, Connecticut 06830
(203) 625-0755

The American Institute for Foreign Study Scholarship Foundation* was established in 1968 to promote understanding and appreciation of foreign countries through educational student exchanges. Each year, several hundred teenage students from abroad visit the United States to live with an American host family while attending an American high school.

Under the AIFS Scholarship Foundation's program, host American families are presented with the opportunity to learn more about the world from their young visitors, and, in turn, American students are provided with a variety of educational experiences while on an exchange program abroad.

Homestay programs for American youth are being developed in most European countries, as well as in Asia. Tuition fees currently range from $1,995 for a one-semester program to $2,995 for a full academic program year. Partial scholarships are available for American families who host a foreign student under the Foundation's teenager program.

The Foundation's network of local counselors assists students and families by advising how they might best fulfill their educational goals and assure that their program is both academically rewarding and personally enriching. For further information write to the American Institute for Foreign Study Scholarship Foundation at the above address.

*AIFS Scholarship Foundation, like all other listed organizations, is a nonprofit organization with tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, some aspects of its exchange programs are administered by an affiliated for-profit corporation, AIFS.

American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE)
7728 Lookout Drive (YX)
La Jolla, CA 92037
(619) 459-9761

AISE was conceived in 1979 to foster increased international understanding through student exchange.

Headquartered in La Jolla, California, AISE works at the community level through its 14 regional offices and over 450 area representatives in 48 states, with additional offices and representatives in Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Australia. Hundreds of volunteers contribute to the program on the community and school level in AISE countries.

AISE offers qualified American and foreign high school students between the ages of 15 and 18 the opportunity to live with a host family and attend a local high school for an academic year. AISE also sponsors a summer program through which American and foreign students can spend five weeks with host families in other countries. Fees for the programs currently range from $1,580 (for a summer program from New York to Europe) to $3,850 (for a school year program from New York to Europe).

AISE selects host families early in the year so correspondence between host family and student can begin early. The long correspondence helps eliminate false expectations and serves to build friendship, trust and understanding.

For more information, write to AISE at the above address.

American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE)
228 North Coast Highway (YX)
Laguna Beach, California 92651
(714) 497-6526

The American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) specializes in exchanges between the U.S. and Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Finland. It has most recently expanded to include exchanges with Germany, Switzerland and Great Britain. ASSE, founded in 1976 and affiliated with the National Ministries of Education of Sweden and Finland, accommodates over 1,500 participants annually. It maintains a U.S. head office, 5 regional offices and over 300 volunteer community representatives throughout the country.

Qualified students, ages 15 to 18, with good academic records, can spend a school year or summer overseas in the country of their choice. The school year program includes language instruction, culture/language camp, school fees, staff supervision, insurance, flights and activities. Program fees currently start at $1,700 for summer and $2,960 for the school year.

Qualified families interested in hosting a Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Finnish, German, Swiss or British student for a school year or summer may select the nationality, sex and interests from student applications, photos and personal essays. European students are screened for academic performance, good character, and all have a minimum of six years English language training.

For more information, write to the above address.

EF/Educational Foundation for Foreign Study

Educational Foundation for Foreign Study
1528 Chapala Street, Box YX
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 963-0553

Founded in 1979, the Educational Foundation for Foreign Study offers students between the ages of 16 and 19 an opportunity to study and live for a year in a foreign country.

The Academic Year in America program brings young people from Europe, Japan and Mexico to live with volunteer host families while attending local high schools. They all speak English, are fully covered by insurance and have their own spending money.

The Academic Year in Europe program offers young Americans the opportunity to live and study in selected European countries—France, Spain, Germany and Sweden. Students attend an intensive three week language and culture orientation. They live with host families, carefully selected by the staff abroad, and attend local schools.

In addition to its national office in Santa Barbara, California, the Foundation has an office in Greenwich, Connecticut; 15 offices around the world; and a network of over 400 area representatives in 48 states. Regional managers in each of these offices support the efforts of local volunteer area representatives.

The current cost for both the European and American programs is approximately $2,900.

For more information, write to the above address.

The Experiment in International Living
Youth Exchange Initiative
Brattleboro, Vermont 05301

The Experiment in International Living pioneered youth exchange, initiating the homestay over 50 years ago. Through educational exchanges in over 40 countries, Experimenter students and host families make new friends and develop their interpersonal and language skills.

High School Experimenters spend 4-7 weeks abroad in small group summer programs combining language study, homestay and travel. Approximate costs: $1,500-$3,500*

The Experiment also offers a high school semester abroad, which features intensive language learning, homestay and small group study conducted by qualified leaders. Approximate cost: $4,000*

Teachers, parents and others can form Custom-Designed Groups with assistance from The Experiment.

College and University Experimenters may spend a semester abroad while earning 16 transferrable credits in EIL's fully-accredited School for International Training. Academic directors accompany groups, coordinate curriculum, intensive language study and homestays. Average cost $5,000*

Upper division undergraduates in the School for International Training may study in EIL's World Issues program with overseas internships. Additionally, EIL offers Summer Abroad and Custom-Designed Groups at the college level.

Experimenter Families host an international student for a semester or school year while the student attends high school. EIL also manages short-term homestays for foreign students throughout the year.

As part of the Youth Initiative, The Experiment matches scholarship funds raised by local individuals and groups — the Ambassador Scholarship Program. Other financial assistance, based on need and qualifications, is considered at time of application.

To become an Experimenter, send a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope to the above address and indicate program interest.

*All fees include international travel and insurance.

International Christian Youth Exchange (ICYE)
74 Trinity Place, Room 610-A
New York, New York 10006
(212) 349-3053

The International Christian Youth Exchange (ICYE) offers international experiences for young people (ages 16-24), for American families, and for interested local volunteers. Open to anyone regardless of religious affiliation, ICYE seeks to build international understanding and a sensitivity to social, political, and economic realities in the world.

ICYE, established in 1949, currently exchanges approximately 600 young people among 24 countries worldwide. ICYE sponsors year-long high school/homestay exchanges for the 16-18 age group, with flexible options for non-academic activities.

For those 18-24, ICYE provides voluntary services/homestays with specific service activities arranged in accordance with participant skills and interests; college credit available.

Hosting an overseas exchangee, either high school student or voluntary service intern, may be for a full or half-year.

For all participants, both in the U.S. and in the host countries, ICYE provides the following: orientation, evaluation and conferences on issues of national or global significance. Language training is provided in most countries at minimal cost of approximately $120. The ICYE year abroad currently costs U.S. participants $3,600, plus a non-refundable $35 application fee. There is no hosting fee. The participation fee covers: conferences, all international transportation, administrative expenses, full medical and liability insurance. Each exchangee also receives room, board and a small weekly allowance, which are usually provided by the host family.

For further information, please send a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope to the above address.

Open Door Student Exchange
124 East Merrick Road
Department YX
Valley Stream, New York 11582
(516) 825-8485

The Open Door Student Exchange, founded in 1963, has programs for high school students in 27 countries in Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. A headquarters staff of 11 works with regional coordinators and a network of volunteer area representatives throughout the United States, as well as overseas representatives in each foreign country to service approximately 900 U.S. and foreign students annually. Foreign students live with U.S. families and attend school for three, five, or ten months. U.S. students usually go abroad for the summer, but in some cases for a school semester or academic year.

American families are asked to host foreign students who come to the United States with a knowledge of English. All students are covered by medical and accident insurance and have their own pocket money. The Open Door provides several days of orientation for foreign students upon their arrival in the United States.

U.S. students go abroad usually at the end of June after orientation meetings with members of the Open Door staff. Those living in Latin America attend school, which is usually in session during this period. Those visiting Europe or the Middle East are provided opportunities to visit and observe aspects of life in their host countries not normally available to the casual visitor, in addition to their home stay. Fees currently range from $1,000-$2,500.

Students wishing to go abroad for a semester or academic year must possess a basic knowledge of the foreign language of the country they wish to visit.

For more information, write to the above address.

Pacific American International Student Services (PAISS)
Academic Year in the U.S.A.—YX
244 California Street, Suite 206
San Francisco, California 94111
(415) 434-1212

Through its Academic Year in the U.S.A. (AYUSA) program, PAISS* provides international high school students the opportunity to attend an American high school while living with an American host family. Most students come from East Asia and Western Europe and stay for one academic year. Students are tested for English language ability and psychological stability and participate in orientations both in their home country and in the United States. An AYUSA Community Counselor lives in the host community to interview and screen host families, serve as a liaison with the local high school, and to be available throughout the year to assist with any student host family adjustments or to provide emergency assistance. All AYUSA students are provided with accident and health insurance.

For more information, write to the above address.

*PAISS was initially formed by a non-profit organization which continues to donate some services to the *non-profit* PAISS.

Youth for Understanding
Youth Initiative Office
3501 Newark Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016
1-800-TEEN-AGE

Since 1951, Youth for Understanding (YFU) has provided educational opportunities for young people and adults who want to learn more about other people, languages and cultures.

U.S. teenagers select the country where they will live, and choose between a year, summer, and six-month programs. Students live with volunteer host families and, on the longer programs, attend local high schools. YFU also offers a one-month program, Sport for Understanding, which enables students to live and train with sports club members abroad.

An entire family can participate with YFU by providing a home for a student from another country. Host families are of all sizes and backgrounds, the principal requirement being a capacity to provide guidance, understanding and affection. YFU support—including orientation, school placement, insurance, language assistance, and counseling—is geared to making the exchange experience successful.

YFU programs have assisted nearly 100,000 students in making lasting international friendships, increasing personal and career options, and preparing to be future leaders. A staff of 250 and thousands of volunteers at an international center in Washington, D.C., 13 U.S. regional offices, and 24 national YFU organizations around the world work together towards these objectives.

Student fees usually include both domestic and international air travel, and currently range from $450 to nearly $4,500. Contributed funds to YFU in the past three years have averaged $2,000,000 per year. Partial scholarships are available and are awarded based upon merit and need.

For more information, write to the above address.

AMIGOS

Amigos De Las Americas
5618 Star Lane, Box YX
Houston, Texas 77057
1-800-231-7796
In Texas, call 1-800-392-4580

Amigos de las Americas has for 18 years worked to give outstanding young Americans an opportunity to make a serious contribution to the human development and health of people in need. With a staff of eight, and 30 chapters throughout the U.S., Amigos provides volunteer work experience and homestays for U.S. participants in 13 countries throughout Latin America.

Amigos' projects in Latin America include such activities as giving innoculations, teaching community sanitation, teaching dental hygiene, conducting vision screening clinics, animal health rabies vaccinations, reforestation and national park services.

Volunteers are trained for their summer in Latin America by the chapters or through a correspondence course administered by the national office. They learn job skills for public health and self-care (first-aid and CPR) and also study Latin American history, culture and Spanish language.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Fees currently range from $1,500 to $1,900, most of which is raised through fund-raising activities by the sponsoring chapter. The fees cover the hands-on training program, and include transportation from gateway U.S. cities to Latin America and in-country food, housing and supplies. Some scholarship assistance is available.

For more information, write to the above address.

TN AIESEC—United States
14 West 23rd Street
New York, New York 10010

For the past 25 years, the Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences, Economiques et Commerciales (AIESEC) has provided American business firms with a cost-effective international traineeship exchange program. This is AIESEC's only business. Each year, over 4,000 companies worldwide are matched to students and recent graduates from more than 440 universities in 59 countries.

AIESEC trainees undertake responsibilities in accounting, computer science, finance, marketing and other business-related fields. AIESEC will provide a trainee to meet a company's specifications for education, skills, specialization and nationality, is responsible for arranging the visas, insurance, housing, reception, cultural assimilation, transportation, company service and selection of the trainees. A company's responsibilities include payment of an administrative fee of approximately $600, a weekly trainee living stipend of $175 to $300, the provision of meaningful work experience, and the completion of an evaluation form.

For an average $6.00 per hour (and a tax-deductible fee), an employer can take on an AIESEC business major from another country, for 6 weeks-18 months. Employers can thus give a student or recent graduate from abroad on-the-job experience and/or assess potential new employees before hiring them.

Prospective employers should contact AIESEC at the above address for the location of the nearest office. Please include a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope.

American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers, Inc. (ASSIST, INC.)
Stonecrest Farm—YX
Wilder, Vermont 05088

Founded in 1968, ASSIST is an educational and cultural exchange service which screens, selects and places foreign students in one year scholarship programs at member independent schools which are associated with the National Association of Independent Schools. All member schools may participate in additional programs, including sending their American students and teachers abroad. ASSIST has a volunteer staff overseas and offices in 7 countries.

ASSIST places students between the ages of 15 and 19 at member independent schools throughout the United States. Schools wishing to participate should apply for annual membership and agree to provide at least one full scholarship.

For more information, write to the above address.

CDS

The Carl Duisberg Society, Inc. (Program YX)
425 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Founded in 1968, the Carl Duisberg Society, Inc. offers exchange programs between the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany. In the Federal Republic of Germany, the Society offers a program which combines language training with the opportunity for practical on-the-job training experiences for up to 18 months. Opportunities in the fields of business, engineering, and agriculture are available. Applicants must have college degrees and work experience in the field, plus German language ability.

In addition, customized study tours and seminars of one to four weeks duration which focus on specific topics can be arranged for business, organization and school groups of ten to fifteen persons. Some financial support may be available for training programs, study tours and seminars. Also, young Europeans with degrees and work experience in business, engineering, and agriculture come to the U.S. to work in companies in paid and unpaid positions for periods of 6 to 18 months.

For more information, write to the above address.

Children's International Summer Villages, Inc.
CISV, Inc., USA National Office
206 North Main Street, Box YX
Casstown, Ohio 45312
(513) 335-4640

Since 1951, CISV has conducted multinational summer camps for pre-adolescents emphasizing international friendship, cross-cultural communication and cooperative living. By 1961, family-centered youth exchanges and seminar camps for teens were incorporated. CISV has chapters in 14 U.S. cities and 54 countries with nearly 38,000 alumni.

CISV's programs include: a Village Program which is a four-week international multi-language summer camp for boys and girls aged 11 and junior counselors ages 16-17; an Interchange Program which is a bilateral family-centered two-summer exchange for youth ages 12-16 with multinational camp and group activities; and a Seminar Camp, a three-week summer camp for 30 international youth, ages 17-18, which offers seminars on cross-cultural communication. Program costs include fees of approximately $200 plus travel. Living expenses are covered by the hosting families or the local chapters. Limited travel grants are available.

For more information write to the above address.

Council on International Educational Exchange
205 East 42nd Street, Box YX
New York, New York 10017

The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), with offices in the United States, Europe and Asia, was founded in 1947. Its purpose is to develop, facilitate, and administer international educational exchange throughout the world.

The Council: provides information and publishes the "Whole World Handbook" and "Student Travel Catalog" (described in the bibliography); administers, with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, a high school to high school homestay and classroom program (see the School Exchange Service, page 47); offers voluntary service opportunities between the U.S. and Western and Eastern Europe; sponsors reciprocal work exchanges for college students between the U.S. and Europe, New Zealand and Ireland; provides worldwide, low-cost transportation for school groups, individual students and teachers; offers specially designed programs for high school and college students travelling independently; and administers, on behalf of university consortia, academic programs in the USSR, China, France, Japan and Spain for undergraduate and graduate students.

The Council is also the U.S. sponsor of the International Student Identity Card, which is recognized worldwide as proof of student status, entitling the bearer to a variety of discounts and benefits.

For general information on the Council's services and the Student Travel Catalog, send $1.00 for postage and handling to CIEE at the above address.

Council of International Programs (CIP)
1001 Huron Road, Suite 209 (YX)
Cleveland, Ohio 44115
(216) 861-5478

The Council of International Programs (CIP), a non-sectarian volunteer organization headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, during the past 30 years, has brought over 5,000 young adult professionals (age 20-45) to the United States for technical enrichment through homestays and educational and cultural exchange. Hundreds of young American professionals also have gone abroad to work primarily in the helping professions including teaching and counseling teen-age youth. Participants come from more than 80 countries each year and represent the fields of education, human services, social work, allied medical and legal professions, youth, recreation leadership and community development.

CIP has 15 affiliates located in 14 U.S. cities, plus alumni groups in the U.S. and overseas for former participants. CIP presently sponsors young American professionals in Sweden, U.K., Turkey, France, Germany and India; and hosting by American families in Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Indianapolis, Iowa City, Kalamazoo (MI), Minneapolis-St. Paul, Morgantown (WV), New York City, Philadelphia, Scranton (PA), and Washington, D.C.

Applicants should be human service professionals with practical experience in their field. Those going to Germany and France must be fluent in the host country's language. Costs for Americans going abroad include air travel and insurance; expenses in foreign countries are assumed by reverse programs.

Interested American professionals should contact CIP headquarters at the above address.

German American Partnership Program
Goethe House New York
1014 Fifth Avenue, Box YX
New York, New York 10028
(212) 744-8310

Since 1973, the German American Partnership Program (GAPP) has provided secondary school German language students in the United States and English language students in the Federal Republic of Germany with the opportunity to participate in exchange programs.

Under the guidance of their German language teachers, groups of 10-20 U.S. high school students travel to the Federal Republic of Germany for a minimum of four weeks during which they attend daily classes at their partner school for three weeks while living with host families. German students travel to the U.S. under the supervision of their English language teachers. Costs, completely controlled by the travelling group, are limited to air-fare, overland trips and some spending money for each student. GAPP does not charge any fees for its services. Financial assistance is available for U.S. students and teachers to facilitate the establishment of partnerships, by way of funding from the German Federal Government. Participants must be between the ages of 15-18.

Interested high school German language teachers should contact GAPP at the beginning of the school year for information about the program.

International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE)
Association for International Practical Training (YX)
213 American City Building
Columbia, Maryland 21044

IAESTE conducts international on-the-job work exchanges for college and university students (sophomore and above). Approximately 175 fields and specializations in engineering, computer sciences, agriculture, architecture, mathematics and the natural/physical sciences are included. Since its founding in 1948 in London, the program has placed over 196,000 trainees among 46 member countries.

Placements in manufacturing facilities, research laboratories, consulting firms, design offices, non-profit groups and university departments range from 8-52 weeks. Employers set all requirements: job description, pay rate, length, field/level of study, specialized knowledge, and previous work experience needed. Participation can be related to international personnel training and evaluation, cooperative education/sandwich training, or other employer interests. Costs include the trainee's salary (exempt from FICA) and a modest program fee which helps support the IAESTE Trainee Program in the United States.

By accepting foreign IAESTE student-trainees, U.S. employers can add a creative international dimension to their regular activities. The IAESTE experience can help develop better professional/managerial understanding between the United States and other countries. Foreign student placements also enable American students to gain similar experience in another country.

For further information write to IAESTE Trainee Program (YX) at the above address.

International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)
Georgetown University (YX)
1236 36th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20547
(202) 625-4737

Established in 1979 and based at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) provides an administrative and financial structure to facilitate the regular exchange of university-level students on a one-to-one basis between participating institutions in the United States and institutions around the world. More than 120 institutions in 20 countries are currently members of ISEP.

ISEP is designed so that students pay all of their fees, including room and board, to their home institution and take up a place at an ISEP host institution, with no money changing hands. Exchanges can occur at any academic level and in any discipline and can range in length from one semester to two years. To be eligible to participate in an ISEP exchange, students must: be attending an ISEP member institution full time; have completed at least one semester of work at that institution; have proven their ability to produce high-level academic work, and be proficient in the language of instruction of the institution abroad for which they will be applying.

Applicants apply to, and are selected by, their home institution. There is currently a $100 fee for ISEP exchanges.

For more information, write to the above address.

Operation Crossroads Africa, Inc.
150 Fifth Avenue, Suite 310 (YX)
New York, New York 10011
(212) 242-8550

Founded in 1957, Crossroads Africa* provides living and volunteer working experiences in rural communities in Africa and the Caribbean area.

Groups of ten volunteers and a leader spend six to eight weeks working with counterparts on village construction projects and on such programs as medical, health, veterinary medicine and archeological and cultural preservation. Volunteers normally live together and have a short group travel period after the work project. Participation fees are currently about $2,750 for the Africa Program and $1,625 for the Caribbean Program. While applicants raise their own funds for participation, Crossroads assists their fund raising and offers some scholarship help. Applicants should be prepared to work hard and to live under difficult conditions and be between the ages of 15 and 18 for the Caribbean and 18 and over for Africa. Crossroads also seeks host families for visitors and volunteers from the Caribbean and Africa.

Crossroads Africa especially encourages participation of working and middle class families and families from other groups which normally do not participate in exchanges.

For more information, write to the above address.

*Crossroads Africa reimburses some economically disadvantaged families who host African students.

Partners of the Americas
1424 K Street, N.W.
Suite 700—YX
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 628-3300

Partners of the Americas is a community based organization established in 1964 to develop closer ties between people of the Americas through their personal and direct involvement in projects of professional and cultural exchange.

The program operates in 44 states of the U.S.A. and in 27 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean through a unique network of 54 "partnerships," linking U.S. states with Partner countries or regions of Latin America and the Caribbean (i.e. Kansas-Paraguay, Oregon-Costa Rica, Ohio-Parana, Brazil).

Each partnership is run by local committees of volunteers who contribute their time, skills and institutional resources to technical expertise-sharing projects. The Partners program applies small grants, training and exchange funds to projects emphasizing agriculture and rural development, health services, small business development, rehabilitation and special education, the arts, sports, community education, journalism, and women in development.

Some partnerships conduct youth exchanges and summer work-study programs between "Partner" high schools, colleges, 4-H clubs, future farmer groups, or other youth organizations in the two respective Partner areas. Youth exchange arrangements, including participant and host family selection, are planned directly by the two volunteer Partner committees.

For further information and the name and address of the Partner Committee in your area, contact the national office at the above address.

People to People International—Dept. YX
2420 Pershing Road
Suite 300
Kansas City, Missouri 64108
(816) 421-6343

Founded in 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, People to People International promotes international understanding through direct contact among people of all countries.* In addition to its international office in Kansas City, Missouri, it has 196 chapters in 27 countries throughout the world.

Among People to People International's various programs is the High School Student Ambassador Program. It offers a 42-day summer program of economic, political and cultural overviews in Europe and East Asia through field visits to factories and offices and organized and guided programs at historical sites and museums. Approximately 1000 Young Ambassadors per year, ages 15-19, live with families for five-day periods in three separate countries. People to People also offers an agricultural exchange program for young farmers. Current fees are approximately $3,600 and ususally cover all costs.

For information about the High School Student Ambassador program or other People to People International programs, contact the headquarters office at the above address.

*Some administrative services are sponsored by the Educational Travel Institute, a *non-profit* organization.

School Exchange Service (YX)
National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)
1904 Association Drive
Reston, Virginia 22091
(703) 860-0200

The School Exchange Service (SES) is a school-centered, homestay exchange program in which secondary schools in the United States are "linked" with partner schools in Britain, France, Germany, Japan, Spain or Venezuela. (Programs with Italy and Israel will begin in the 1983-84 school year.) Average cost per student participant is currently $800-$950.

The exchanges are annual, and dates vary depending on when the hosting school is in session. Participating institutions have dual roles as both hosting and sending schools, receiving a group of students and an adult leader from the linked school abroad and sending a student group and a faculty member to the partner school. Groups from each school spend 3-4 weeks in their partner school and community for a total of 6-8 weeks of contact.

During the school program abroad, students are housed with students enrolled at the partner school who become host brothers and sisters. The accompanying group leader stays with an adult counterpart. In recognition of the educational value of such an exchange, many SES schools grant academic credit upon successful completion.

The School Exchange Service is co-sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE). The program sponsors provide guidelines, orientation materials, curriculum suggestions, group leader training, travel assistance and insurance, a newsletter and arrangements for the annual exchange of principals/headteachers.

For further information, interested persons should urge their high school principal, counselor or teacher to contact the School Exchange Service of NASSP at the above address.

Sister Cities International
(Town Affiliation Association of the U.S., Inc.)
(202) 293-5504

Since 1967, Sister Cities International has served as the national clearinghouse and forum for community-based, volunteer Sister Cities programs. A Sister Cities Program formally links a U.S. city with a city abroad in a long-term, two-way relationship for the purpose of fostering international communication and exchanging people, things and ideas through cultural, technical, professional, municipal, educational, youth and student programs. These programs are planned and managed locally by Sister Cities committees. City officials and citizen volunteers jointly are responsible for the conduct of program activities and exchanges. Currently, there are 715 U.S. cities in 48 states linked with 1,003 foreign cities in 79 countries. A new Sister Cities program may be developed in a community by contacting the appropriate local public officials.

Youth and student exchanges are planned cooperatively between the U.S. city and its Sister City abroad with the involvement of local school systems if an academic experience is included. Generally, the cost of youth and student exchanges involves transportation and personal expenses. Homestays are arranged by the local sister Cities committees. The length of exchanges varies from two weeks to one year and may include an academic experience.

For more information, contact the Office of the Mayor to find out if your community has a Sister Cities program and to obtain the name of the committee chairman.

Spanish Heritage—Herencia Espanola
116-53 Queens Boulevard (YX)
Forest Hills, New York 11375
1-800-238-3805
In New York, Alaska and Hawaii call (212) 268-7565

Spanish Heritage - Herencia Espanola, arranges student exchanges between the United States and Spanish-speaking countries, especially Spain. It has a full-time staff of 32 with offices in New York and Madrid, plus 2 regional offices.

A variety of programs are offered including: Academic Year programs with homestays in the U.S. (AYUSA) and Spain (AYSPAIN); a three-week program, the School Homestay Exchange Program (SHEP), that allows students from Spain to attend an American high school while living with a host family and peer and vice versa for the American hosts; a Summer Homestay program to enable students ages 14-17 to improve their language skills; a summer study program in Madrid, Spain for students ages 14-17, combining 60 hours of classroom instruction plus excursions; and Youth Camps in Spain for English and Spanish speaking children ages 9-14 to provide a language learning experience in a summer camp. Fees currently range from $775 to $3,000. Some scholarship assistance is available.

For more information, write to the above address.

EARTHWATCH

Earthwatch Research Corps
International Exchange
10 Juniper Road
Box 127-Z
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178
(617) 489-3030

Earthwatch recruits interested amateurs, age 16 and up, to help prominent researchers on their field expeditions worldwide. Since 1971, more than 6,000 people have funded and joined over 450 projects in 30 states and 55 countries.

Earthwatch sponsors scholars in every field of study. There are archeological expeditions, surveys of plants, birds or animals, underwater explorations, environmental impact studies, and art history, architecture, or dance. While volunteers do not need to have special skills to participate, they should be in good health, curious, willing to work and learn and be able to share the costs of the project they join. Costs currently range from $500 to $2,000 for two to three-week long expeditions. Contributions are tax deductible and cover meals, lodging, equipment and field transportation. Airfares to and from expeditions are extra. In 1984, over 300 teams will be organized in 18 U.S. states and 30 countries.

For information send a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope to Earthwatch Research Corps at the above address.

Future Farmers of America
P.O. Box 15160—YX
Alexandria, Virginia 22309
(703) 360-3600

The Future Farmers of America is a vocational student organization with local chapters in more than 8,000 public secondary schools in the U.S.A. and with collegiate chapters at agricultural universities and certain post-secondary institutions.

International exchange opportunities for agricultural students are offered in more than 25 countries and consist of a practical working experience with a host family. Participants select a desired country, length of stay and programs in production agriculture, ornamental horticulture or agri-business. (Some programs can be arranged with college credit.) Departures are scheduled in early June and late August each year. Basic program fees currently range from $1,500 for a three month program to $5,000 for a twelve month Around-the-World program. Some financial assistance is available.

Host families with farming or ranching operations, nursery, greenhouse or cut flowers, forestry or specialized agri-business may host inbound exchange students. Hosts provide room and board and a stipend. With both the inbound and outbound programs, opportunity for travel and individual study is provided.

Additional information on the program offered for agricultural students and for potential host families is available by writing to Future Farmers of America at the above address.

National 4-H Council
International Relations (YX)
7100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

The National 4-H Council supports the 4-H program of the Cooperative Extension Service in a variety of educational programs, including international exchange and training programs with over 40 countries around the world. The International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) program, begun in 1943, pioneered the 4-H international experience of living and working with families in another land.

The IFYE Ambassador program provides a six-week summer experience for 15 through 19 year-olds in 17 countries. Programs emphasize cross-cultural understanding plus some focus on a specific 4-H project study area such as animal science, clothing, dairy and foods-nutrition. All groups are accompanied by a leader. Costs, ranging from $700 to $2,300, depend on the country and include orientation, international travel, insurance and other program services. In turn, rural and urban families are needed to host visitors from other countries. Most family visits are short-term for two or four weeks.

For additional information, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-sized envelope to the National 4-H Council at the above address.

YMCA International Program Services
422 Ninth Avenue, Box YX
New York, New York 10001
(212) 564-1300

YMCA International Program Services, with nearly 100 years of program experience and contacts in 91 countries, offers a variety of international opportunities for youth, families and community groups of all types.

The range of programs available includes: opportunities for U.S. volunteer host families to provide short-term (3-7 days) homestays for foreign students, trainees and scholars; work experiences abroad for American youth ages 18 to 25 in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the USSR; assistance for high school age and young adult groups to plan international travel and itineraries; specially designed exchange opportunities for youth and youth leaders; and a worldwide reservation system for inexpensive stays and various cultural and educational programs in the 104 YMCA student hotels in 19 countries. Fees vary; there is a $100 placement fee for the work abroad program in addition to international airfare. YMCA membership is not required to participate in these programs.

For additional information, send a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope to the YMCA at the above address.

Public Service Organizations

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Following is a very brief description of some public service organizations that can offer assistance, information, or activities relating to youth exchanges:

American Youth Hostels, Inc.
AYH, Inc.
1332 "I" Street, Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20005

A nonprofit membership association that provides year-round opportunities for inexpensive educational travel through hosteling.

Better Business Bureau

A nonprofit service sponsored by private businesses with 150 locations throughout the U.S. The BBB may be able to offer valuable information about the performance of some exchange organizations.

Institute of International Education
IIE 809
United Nations Plaza
New York, New York 10017

Since 1919 IIE has worked to promote greater involvement and interaction between international students and the community. IIE provides a variety of educational services including publishing over 20 guides and handbooks to international educational exchange, mostly higher education levels.

Mobility International, USA
MIUSA
P.O. Box 3551
Eugene, Oregon 97403

MIUSA, a chapter of Mobility International which is active in 25 countries, works to increase the number of disabled participants in on-going exchange programs. Interested parties should ask youth exchange organizations to contact MIUSA for information.

National Association for Foreign Student Affairs
NAFSA
1860 19th Street, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20009

NAFSA, a membership association of 5,000 representatives of post-secondary institutions, educational agencies, associations, corporations and community organizations, seeks to promote and maintain a high standard in international educational exchange. In the coming year NAFSA plans to prepare and distribute to secondary schools information on youth exchanges, and conduct innovative programs in the schools and communities.

National Council for International Visitors
NCIV
1630 Crescent Place, N.W.
Meridian House
Washington, D.C. 20009

NCIV volunteers arrange professional appointments, community experiences and home hospitality for international visitors whose nationwide programs are developed by national programming agencies. To determine if your community is one of the 92 serviced by the NCIV or for information about setting up a local community committee to serve international visitors, write to the above address.

Rotary International

Rotary Clubs across the U.S. sponsor local teenage exchanges with nations around the world. Rotary exchanges include both academic year and cultural summer exchanges. The major cost to the student is the airfare and most Rotary Clubs provide a monthly stipend. For information, contact your local Rotary Club.

Selected Publications

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Of Interest To Host Families, Community Volunteers, Teachers

FRIENDSHIP WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT —A GUIDE FOR NEW AMERICAN HOST FAMILIES, National Association for Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA), 1860 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

LEARNING ABOUT PEOPLE AND CULTURES, Seymour Fersh, ed. 1974. $3.95 plus $.50 handling. Available from McDougal, Littell & Company, P.O. Box 1667B, Evanston, Illinois 60204.

SURVIVAL KIT FOR OVERSEAS LIVING FOR AMERICANS PLANNING TO LIVE AND WORK ABROAD, L. Robert Kohls, $5.95, Intercultural Press, Inc., 70 West Hubbard Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

SURVIVAL KIT FOR HOST FAMILIES, Nancy King, Ken Huff. Available February 1984. Contact Intercultural Press, 70 West Hubbard Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610. A comprehensive guide to hosting for both experienced host families and newcomers.

Of Interest To Students

HOW TO READ STUDY ABROAD LITERATURE, Lily von Klemperer. Free. Available from the Council on International Educational Exchange, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017. A brief overview of what to look for in an advertisement for a summer study abroad program.

NEW GUIDE TO STUDY ABROAD, 1981-82, John A. Garraty, Lily von Klemperer, and Cyril J.H. Traylor. New York: Harper & Row Publishers, 1981. $7.95. Summer and academic-year programs for high school and college students and teachers.

STUDENT TRAVEL CATALOG, annual. Free plus $1.00 postage and handling. Available from the Council on International Educational Exchange, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017. Describes CIEE and its member services to student travelers concerning low-cost tours, accommodations, guidebooks, study/work opportunities.

WHOLE WORLD HANDBOOK: A STUDENT GUIDE TO WORK, STUDY, AND TRAVEL ABROAD, 1984-85, $8.95. Answers frequently asked questions regarding work, travel, and summer and academic-year overseas study. Describes over 800 study and travel abroad programs, plus employment and voluntary service opportunities, and special facilities and services available in particular geographic areas. Available from the Council of International Educational Exchange, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017.

General

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO, U.S. Customs Service, 1983. Available free from P.O. Box 7407, Washington, D.C. 20044. U.S. Customs rules on bringing articles home from abroad; includes details on duty rates, duty-free items, prohibited articles, shipping hints, sending gifts and more.

YOUR TRIP ABROAD, U.S. Department of State, 1982. Available from Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colorado for $3.75. Helpful information for the international traveler: documents and vaccinations needed; how to get help in case of emergency; going through customs; and sources of additional information.

International Youth Exchange: A Presidential Initiative Is Sponsored By The President's Council For International Youth Exchange, The Consortium For International Citizen Exchange & The Advertising Council

The President's Council for International Youth Exchange

The President's Council for International Youth Exchange was created on May 24, 1982. The Council is comprised of leaders of business, education and government. The President's personal representative is Charles Z. Wick, Director of the U.S. Information Agency. The Council's officers are:

Chairman, Coy G. Eklund, Retired Chairman and CEO, Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

Vice Chairmen, Ralph P. Davidson, Chairman, Time, Inc.; Robert E. Kirby, Chairman and CEO, Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

The Consortium For International Citizen Exchange
3501 Newark St., N.W.
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The Consortium for International Citizen Exchange is a group of community-based international exchange organizations. For the purpose of the Initiative, the consortium represents the youth exchange field as a whole.

The Advertising Council
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The Advertising Council is a non-profit organization through which American business, advertising and the communications industries contribute their skills and resources to promote voluntary citizen actions in solving national problems.

The U.S. Information Agency
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The U.S. Information Agency conducts the U.S. Government's overseas information and cultural programs. The Agency's Youth Exchange staff is coordinating the Federal role in the President's International Youth Exchange Initiative. The Youth Exchange staff administers a grant competition for U.S. private not-for-profit exchange organizations interested in conducting international youth exchange programs.

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